

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING**

**December 4, 2000**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The December 4, 2000, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Eugene C. Thach of DeSoto County.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriffs Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2  
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3  
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. ASluggo@ Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
David Armstrong-----County Administrator  
Sheriff James Albert Riley----DeSoto County Sheriff  
William Austin-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

The invocation was presented by Chancery Clerk W. E. Davis.

**C. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES**

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of November 2000, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for November 2000 with various corrections as agreed by the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Request for Supplemental Funding to Expand DeSoto County Services - Glen Brown**

County Administrator David Armstrong said that he had met with Glen Brown to discuss the need for supplemental funds to the North Delta Planning & Development Program for DeSoto County. Mr. Armstrong recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the County supplement funds in the amount of \$6,175.00 to support salary for RN nurse and social worker. Mr. Armstrong stated that the County had no funds in the budget to support two homemakers.

Glen Brown stated that he had run an ad for the RN and social worker positions and had three applicants for the RN and two applicants for the social workers, but in order to proceed with interviews that he needed the commitment from the Board of Supervisors for the supplemental funds required for salary for these positions. Mr. Brown stated that the state will only allow \$34,000 for a RN and \$28,000 for a social worker and with the supplemented funds he will be able to pay \$40,000 for a RN and \$30,000 for the social worker which will be compatible with wages in the area. Mr. Brown stated that the funds of \$6,175 will supplement the position for the remaining seven months of the fiscal year and that the contracts will have to be renewed yearly and the Board of Supervisors will need to review  
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the funds again before North Delta=s fiscal year end on June 30, 2001. Mr. Brown said that the fiscal year for homemakers expires on September 30, 2000, which leaves ten months in this fiscal year. He is asking the Board of Supervisors supplements total salary for homemakers and this would allow them to be dedicated to DeSoto County elderly only. Mr. Brown stated that state paid homemakers could not be dedicated to one County and there was not a provision to supplement the homemakers salary that worked for the state and that is why he recommended the County have their own homemakers. Mr. Brown emphasized that DeSoto County has several elderly who do not qualify for medicaid who needs homemakers to visit and handle some chores. Supervisor Jessie Medlin stated that he felt the County should hire one homemaker for DeSoto County elderly. Mr. Brown stated that the state looks at census income of a County, which is far from the actual income of elderly and at the doctor=s recommendation when assigning homemakers. Mr. Brown stated that if the County pays for the homemaker the state has no influence with the situation. The salary for one homemaker for the next ten months would be \$23,721.50. Mr. Brown stated that the state has already slated the funds for aging to be cut this coming year and feels that with the case load of elderly that DeSoto County has the cuts here will be greater this coming year.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Board of Supervisor supplementing salary in the amount of \$6,175.00 for a RN and social worker and to hire a homemaker at a salary of \$23,721.50 with funds coming from the general fund. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked Mr. Brown about the meal site for Walls. Mr. Brown stated that he was meeting with Sister Betty Adams and working out the location for the Walls meal site and hopefully it would start service on January 1, 2001. Mr. Brown stated that the site would handle approximately twenty meals a day.

**2. Horse Arena Committee Appointee=s**

This item was held over until December 6, 2000.

**3. Approval of Easement Agreement with MDOT for Hwy 304 Relocation Clarification of Roadway**

County Administrator David Armstrong asked for the County Engineer Tom Childress to speak to the Board of Supervisors about his meeting with MDOT about the Hwy 304 Relocation. Mr. Childress stated that Mr. Jimmy Dickerson with MDOT stated that the map presented to the Board of Supervisors showing the proposed relocation route for Hwy 304 was the same that was presented to the landowners. Mr. Childress said that the right of way east has been acquired but that the right of way is still not complete. The time line for completion and construction to start is early spring 2001.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin stated that he had gone and looked at the proposed route and everything looked like it was marked on the map that was presented to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize Board President to sign MDOT Easement and Construction Agreement. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.3\*\***

**4. Hacks Cross Road - Lowest Bidder**

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that he had spoken with Steve Bigelow the City Engineer **ITEM D.4, CONTINUED,**

of Olive Branch regarding the proposed Hacks Cross Road Traffic Analysis and their recommendation to use Neel Schaffer, whose bid for project was higher than the bid from Fisher & Arnold. Mr. Bigelow stated that the City of Olive Branch had reconsidered and changed their choice of contractors to be Fisher & Arnold. Mr. Armstrong stated that the County=s participation at 25 percent of the cost of \$11,500, which was the Fisher & Arnold bid, would be \$2,875. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve using County funds to participate with the City of Olive Branch for the Hacks Cross Road traffic analysis using Fisher & Arnold and for the County=s funds not to exceed \$2,875. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.4\*\***

## **5. \$18,000 000 Bond Project Listing - Prioritize**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a list to the Board of Supervisors on the proposed expenditures not budgeted that would be using the \$18,000,000 Bond Issue. Mr. Armstrong requested the Board of Supervisors appoint a committee to determine the best allocation of the money. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Church Road and Jail Expansion projects on the list have already been committed to by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Project List and Estimated Cost sheet provided to the Board of Supervisors contained County wish list items that have not been committed to and that the Library Expansion project cost had been reduced from \$5,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Mr. Armstrong stated that he would like for the Board of Supervisors to help decide the direction to take on project list.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked for an update on the Library project. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Library plans were done but were waiting for final approval. Supervisor Caldwell asked to see copy of plans.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked about the property located at railroad tracks and if this property could be used instead of a new building. Mr. Armstrong stated the building was massive but had no offices. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that if the CDBG Grant of \$1,275,000 could be used to purchase this building the County could combine several County agencies in one building. Mr. Armstrong stated that this property is owned by Stan Elam and Jim Seay and he would check to see if the grant could be used to purchase an existing building and bring the response back to the Board.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that he feels that all of the Supervisors need to work on this project list.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that the Civic Center loan for \$1,600,000 was already approved but he felt that the Civic Center needed to do more advertising to promote the facility better. Supervisor Jessie Medlin stated that he had gotten calls asking where the Center was located. Mr. Armstrong stated that he would talk with Stuart Taylor and Martha Gatlin about the Civic Center=s directions for advertising.

No motions were made at this time.

## **6. Internet Contract - Venture Technology - Joey Treadway**

County Administrator David Armstrong stated to the Board of Supervisors that the Board Attorney had looked at the contract and was making a few changes and that the question of bank charges was being addressed by the Tax Assessor Joey Treadway with the bank, and requested that this item be carried over until December 6, 2000 meeting. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to carry the internet contract with Venture Technology item over until December 6, 2000. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. CMS Energy - Trunkline Gas - Request to Modify Agreement**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a letter from Mr. Rodney Doutel of CMS Energy  
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Trunkline Gas in Houston, Texas regarding the proposed amendment to the original agreement between the Board of Supervisors of DeSoto County, Mississippi and Trunkline Gas Company dated August 8, 1950 which will allow refined petroleum to be piped through the line. Mr. Armstrong stated that the

Board Attorney Bill Austin had looked over the proposed amendment and approved the wording. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what would they be putting through the lines, how construction on roadways would be handled and how residents will be notified. Board Attorney Bill Austin stated that the lines were restricted, but that it depends on the wording of the agreements with individual property owners and that this new legal agreement is because of the change of product going through the lines. Supervisor John Caldwell asked that Mr. Doutel appear before the Board of Supervisors to present the change in the type of product that will be going through the lines so that questions that the Board might have could be answered prior to signing the agreement. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold the signing of amendment until Mr. Doutel could appear before the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **2. Chancery Clerk - Real and Personal Tax Rolls**

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis stated that he had received the approved tax roll from the state for real and personal taxes for DeSoto County. Chancery Clerk Davis said that the state accepted the DeSoto County real and personal tax rolls that was submitted to them by the County and that the Board of Supervisors needs to make the approval and acceptance of the real and personal property tax roll as part of the minutes. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve and accept the Real and Personal Tax Roll for 2000 for DeSoto County as part of the Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.2\*\***

## **3. Board of Education Request for Assistance from County**

### **a. Olive Branch**

Request was received from the Board of Education Superintendent Jerry Baird regarding proposed playground improvements for Olive Branch Elementary School. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that the school has a drainage problem and he had asked Kenny Gunn to look at the situation to see what the County needed to do to correct the drainage problem and Mr. Gunn advised him that park stops need to be installed to keep vehicles off the grass. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the request from the Board of Education does fall under the legal authority of the Board of Supervisors. The school will supply material needed for improvement if the County will supply dirt and equipment to move dirt. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for the County to provide the dirt and equipment necessary to correct the Olive Branch Elementary School drainage problem. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.3.a\*\***

### **b. Horn Lake High School**

Request was received from the Board of Education Superintendent Jerry Baird regarding Horn Lake High School with the connecting road between the parking lots. Supervisor John Caldwell stated that he had looked at the problem and that the County needs to put down shoulders connecting the road between the parking lots and this would keep the road from washing out during bad weather. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for the County to install shoulders built on the sides of the road between the parking lots to prevent erosion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.3.b\*\***

## **4. Authorization to Seek Proposal for Health Insurance**

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that he and Vickie Richmann, the County Personnel Director, had been going over the County Health Insurance Program that is slated to expire February 28, 2001. Mr. Armstrong asked the Board of Supervisors to authorize permission for the County Administrator and County Personnel Director to seek insurance proposals for the County employee for the coming year. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the Board of Supervisors need to instruct the County=s present insurance carrier to present a history of claims and any catastrophic claims for the past **ITEM E.4, CONTINUED,**

year, since any new carrier would require this information with making proposals. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator and the County Personnel Director to secure from the present insurance carrier the history of claims for the County and to seek insurance proposals for the coming year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **5. Information System - Request for the Board of Supervisors to Appoint a Committee to Review the DeSoto County Internet Website**

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that the County Data Processing Director Larry Wood had requested that the Board of Supervisors appoint a committee to work with him on the needs for the DeSoto County website. Supervisor Eugene Thach stated that he felt that all Supervisors who have input for the County website should contact Larry Wood. The Board of Supervisors agreed that Supervisor John Caldwell should be the Board of Supervisors representative on this committee. No motions were made at this time.

#### **6. Courthouse Renovation - Request from Allen & Hoshall for Contract Revisions to Draw Modification for 2<sup>ND</sup>. Floor**

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that a list of what the Judges wanted modified in the Courthouse renovations had been presented to Allen & Hoshall for review and estimation of cost. After Allen & Hoshall reviewed the changes, they stated that these services are beyond the Scope of Basic Services in their A/E contract with the County. Mr. David Nicholson's letter stated that time and resources would be necessary to make these changes and they are requesting that they be compensated for these services. Mr. Frank Madlinger appeared before the Board of Supervisors to explain the hours and expense necessary to implement the changes to the Courthouse renovation. Mr. Madlinger presented a listing of hours for modification to be 94 hours at a fee of \$6,960 and asked the Board of Supervisors for approval of these cost so that Allen & Hoshall could proceed with the modifications to the plans that would allow the construction to continue on the Courthouse.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked why hours would be involved. Mr. Madlinger stated that the plans have to be modified for construction purposes because the architects will be working with floor plans, elevation and electrical changes that must be in the plans for proper construction. Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. Madlinger if there was a ballpark figure of what the cost for changes would be. Mr. Madlinger stated that until they made the modifications to the plans and presented them to the contractor for him to estimate the cost that he could not state what cost would be. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked why the contractor could not do a walk through and give an estimated cost. Supervisor John Caldwell stated that if there were no architect changes could the County Operations and Maintenance Department handle the modifications requested regarding cabinets since this could be considered as furniture.

County Board Attorney Bill Austin stated that the Architect Firm and the Contractor share the responsibility for the proper fire codes, design and colors for the building and that they need to have a proper clearing house since it will reflect their business.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis stated that he has a problem with authorizing this architect expense when he doesn't know what the modifications will cost since the Board of Supervisors may decide not to go with the modifications because of the cost. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the County Administrator to get with Jim Bearden and Kenny Evans and let them look at the modification request to see if they can determine how much the cost would be.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to have the County Administrator, the Operations and Maintenance Director, and the Building and Grounds Director to do a walk through of the Courthouse and look at the modifications and come up with an estimated cost for the Board of Supervisors before and decisions are made about the fees for Allen & Hoshall. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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**7. Assistance to Pauper**

**a. Arthur L. Smith**

On November 24, 2000 the DeSoto County Coroner notified the Board of Supervisors that the unclaimed corpse of Arthur L. Smith may become the County ' s responsibility if a friend or relative does not come forward. On November 27, 2000, Mr. Pounders notified the County Administrator that the body was decomposing so quickly that it must be removed from the cold storage hospital facility. A phone poll of Board members gave unanimous approval to cremate the body at once.

In accordance with Section 41-39-5 of the Mississippi Code, which states any coroner acquiring possession of a dead human body which is not claimed for burial or cremation within forty-eight hours of its acquisition shall give written notice thereof to the board of supervisors. If the body thereof shall not be claimed within five days the board of supervisors shall authorize and direct the burial or cremation and burial of the residue of such dead body. The reasonable expense of such burial or cremation and burial of the dead body shall be borne by the county of residence or settlement of the dead body thereof is located. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to make arrangements for the cremation and burial of the dead body and the expense of such shall be borne by the county of residence. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to acknowledge the prior approval of the cremation of Arthur L. Smith at the request of the DeSoto County Coroner and to approve paying the expenses through the county treasury. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**b. Mae Liza Cole**

In accordance with Section 43-31-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states the Board of Supervisors shall also relieve, support or employ paupers found or being in the county, though not entitled to a settlement therein, and, in case of their death, shall decently bury them; and all expenses shall be chargeable to and recoverable from the county in which such pauper had a settlement; and the Board shall decently bury all strangers dying in the county. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the fee of \$250 to the Gillespie Funeral Home for burial of Mae Liza Cole. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**8. Kenny Gunn - Central Maintenance**

**a. Road Report and Work Schedule**

Road Manager Kenny Gunn met with the Board of Supervisors to present the Road Department Monthly Road Report for the Month of November 2000 and Work Schedule for the month of December 2000, pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the Road Report and Work schedule into the minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSTAIN
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.8.a\*\***

**b. Road Bond Report**

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented to the Board of Supervisors the Road Bond Report for December 2000. Mr. Gunn stated that they had been working diligently on the road

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bonds and had found that some of the bonds were issued as CD=s and that they automatically were rolled over by the bank and that they can=t be cashed in without a letter from the County. Mr. Gunn said that the bonds that are CD=s were taken off of this list since they don=t expire. There were ten other bonds that have expired and were either renewed or cancelled. Mr. Gunn presented to the Board of Supervisors the bonds that have been reduced and the reasons for the reductions. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the Road Managers Bond Report and to approve the reductions for the following bonds:

<u>Subdivision/Section</u>	<u>Original Amt.</u>	<u>Type Bond</u>	<u>New Amt.</u>	<u>Type Bond</u>
Alden Station AB@	\$60,000	Construction	\$ 7,800	Maint enance
Braybourne AB&C@	\$78,000	Construction	\$18,000	Maintenance
Braybourne AD@	\$56,000	Construction	\$20,000	Final Const.
Braybourne AE@	\$113,000	Construction	\$30,000	Final Const.
Bridgemoore AB@	\$71,000	Construction	\$30,000	Final Const.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.8.b\*\***

**9. Bailiff Pay**

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve bailiff pay for Lee Hodge in the amount of \$200.00, for Joe Holmes in the amount of \$200.00 and for Floyd Medlin in the amount of \$240.00 for services during the month of November. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.9**

**10. Justice Court**

The DeSoto County Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, presented the Justice Court Report to the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the Justice Court Report. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.9\*\***

**11. Publication of Board Proceeding**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in connection with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper published in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

**12. Approval of Travel**

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor John Caldwell the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve travel for the month of December 4, 2000 through January 2, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous  
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vote.

**a. Authorization to Travel to Mid Winter Conference**

The County Administrator notified the Board of Supervisors that the Midwinter Legislative Conference meeting is scheduled to be held at the Clarion Hotel & Convention Center in Jackson, MS on January 8-10, 2001 and he will need a commitment from the Board who will be going to the meeting. **\*\*See Exhibit F.12.a\*\***

**13. Sheriffs Employee Report**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the Sheriffs Employee Report for the period of October 16, 2000 through November 22, 2000 into the minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit F.13\*\***

**14. Joyce Riales, Comptroller**

**a. Claims Docket**

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks of the Accounting Department presented the list of claims to be paid to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

**1. E911**

Verified bills in connection with construction of the radio towers under the Microwave Radio Project for DeSoto County, account # 381-243-912 in the amount of \$611,901.60, were presented by copy to each Supervisor. **\*\*See Exhibit E14.a.(1)\*\***

**2. Seiler Construction**

Verified bills in connection with DeSoto County Courthouse Renovation in the amount of \$137,135.37 were presented by copy to each Supervisor. **\*\*See Exhibit E14.a.(2)\*\***

**3. Civic Center**

Verified bills in connection with the Civic Center in the amount of \$687,260.88 were presented by copy to each Supervisor. **\*\*See Exhibit E14.a.(3)\*\***

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve for payment items listed on Claims Docket dated December 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2000 for the total amount of \$3,110,576.76. The claims docket amount includes the bills for E911, Seiler Construction and the Civic Center. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E14\*\***

**4. Interest Payments to State Development Bank**

Verified loan repayment documents for DeSoto County Account #71-61-5881-3T 5 \$10,000,000 Mississippi Development Bank Promissory Note dated October 9, 2000 were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment to be made to Hancock Bank against the following accounts as follows:

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<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
001-801-800	Principal	\$11,666.67
001-801-801	Interest	<u>\$ 4,401.20</u>
		\$16,067.87

Verified loan repayment documents for \$18,000,000 MS Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2000 (DeSoto County, MS General Obligation Public Improvement Bond Project) were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment for interest to be made for thirty day period against the following account:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
215-800-801	Interest	\$68,193.44

The Comptroller explained that these bills are received late and must be paid immediately to avoid a penalty. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged their approval of the payment. **\*\*See Exhibit E.14.a.4\*\***

#### **b. Late Bill**

##### **1. Franklin Collections**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a bill from Franklin Collections for collection fees from August 1999 to October 2000 for EMS Collections. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to pay Franklin Collection the amount of \$2,056.93 for collection fees for EMS for the period of August 1999 to October 2000. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.14.b.1\*\***

#### **c. Investment of Surplus Funds**

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any county shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such county shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Trustmark National Bank for \$3,500,000.00 for 44 days as they were the high bidder at an interest rate of 6.25%. The date of purchase November 29, 2000 and the date of maturity being January 12, 2001 for CD#8613968. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\* See Exhibit E.14.c\*\***

#### **15. Inventory Disposal**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the inventory scrap and remove from inventory the following item located at the Lewisburg EMS Department.

<u>Property#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial#</u>
30360	Right Point Computer	9227609

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	ABSENT

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Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
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Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.15\*\***

**16. Williams Sonoma -**

**a. Freeport Warehouse Exemption**

DeSoto Council Director Jim Flanagan and the representative for Williams Sonoma, Mark Aquardro, appeared before the Board of Supervisors presenting an application for a Freeport Warehouse Tax Exemption for the Williams Sonoma Retail Services, Incorporated. Mr. Aquardro stated that the facility is a second warehouse with a different address for Williams Sonoma and a change in the existing contract with the County needs to be made so that both facilities are covered by the Freeport Warehouse Exemption on file. **\*\*See Exhibit E.16.a\*\***

**b. Resolution Formalizing MOU to Grant Future Exemption**

DeSoto Council Director Jim Flanagan stated that Williams Sonoma is in the process of building a third warehouse to be added to the bond finance with an estimated completion date of early summer 2001. Mr. Flanagan said that the warehouse would employ one hundred fifty workers with some workers being seasonal workers. This will bring the total workers for Williams Sonoma in DeSoto County to six hundred fifty.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Freeport Warehouse Exemption for Williams Sonoma’s second warehouse at 8005 Polk Lane, Olive Branch, MS and to approve the resolution application for the third warehouse building being completed during summer of 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.16.b\*\***

**17. Authorization to Open Bids for Church Road West - Thursday January 11, 2001**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize County Administrator to open bids for the Church Road West road expansion on Thursday, January 11, 2000. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	ABSENT
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**18. Reducing Out -of-Wedlock Pregnancies Incentive Grant Funds**

DeSoto County Department of Human Services Director, Kathy White appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the Senate Bill 3160, Out-Of-Wedlock Pregnancies Incentive Grant Fund Program and for the Board=s approval for the County to make application. Ms. White informed the Board of Supervisors that this is not guaranteed money and will only go to the top five counties with the greatest reduction in out-of-wedlock births without an increase in abortions. Ms. White said that in order for the County to be considered for an incentive award, the County Board of Supervisors have to appoint an advisory committee to develop a plan for the County to be submitted by the County Board of Supervisors to the Department of Human Services by December 1, 2000 and by December 1 of each subsequent year. The incentive award has to be used for some type of youth enrichment, such as, reduced out-of-wedlock pregnancies, education-related projects, recreational facilities or a summer work program. Ms. White said that the Department of Human Resources has to report back to the state how funds were used.

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Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to make application to be considered for the Out-Of Wedlock Pregnancy Incentive Grant. The motion passed

by a unanimous vote.

**19. Fun Flyers - Response to Former Request for Use of County**

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that he had received a letter from the Fun Fliers Model Airplane Club wanting to thank the Board for hearing their request to use the Star Landing Road landfill as a model airplane flying site, but they are withdrawing their request at this time. Mr. Armstrong stated no actions were necessary from the Board.

**20. Cogentrix - Assignment of Agreement**

Board Attorney Bill Austin advised the Board of Supervisors the purpose for this request is that the bank that is financing Cogentrix wants them to assign a trustee on the agreement. Mr. Austin stated that he saw no problems with this. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion for the Board of Supervisors to approve the assignment of agreement. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	ABSENT
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**21. County Administrators Car**

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that since he had received his new car, for the Board of Supervisors to authorize how the spare County car will be used. Mr. Armstrong stated that he had allowed several County Department Directors use of the vehicle. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to assign the car to the Assistant Emergency Management, Tim Curtis to conduct County business and said for Mr. Curtis to provide a monthly log of mileage and usage. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	ABSENT
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**22. Contract Negotiations - DeSoto Sunrise**

WHEREAS, it is the legal obligation of DeSoto County, Mississippi to provide for the emergency placement needs of abused and neglected children and status offenders found in DeSoto County, Mississippi. This obligation is set out in detail in Federal Law under the Juvenile, Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 and the Mississippi Code of 1972, as annotated and amended, being Section 43-21-101 et seq. and titled AYouth Court Law@.

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that he had met with Chris Creely, Mark Box, and Bill Austin to go over the contract with DeSoto Sunrise. Mr. Armstrong stated that the County fee for DeSoto Sunrise shelter is \$175,000.00 for a 1-year provision of emergency shelter. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the contract with DeSoto County and the DeSoto Sunrise shelter for the term of this contract through September 30, 2001. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	ABSENT

**ITEM E.22, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The AExecutive Session@ portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called AExecutive Session.”

**G. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Reflectors for Roads**

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn appeared before the Board of Supervisors with a request to purchase a bituminous applicator for the use of installing road reflectors on the County roads. Mr. Gunn stated that the road crews have been installing the reflectors using asphalt but the cold weather has caused the reflectors to not adhere to the road. Mr. Gunn stated that the cost of this equipment will be approximately \$4,200 and that will still require a four-man road crew and flagmen. Mr. Gunn stated that he has built the reflector installation specifications into any new bids for road repair.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how long is would take to get the equipment in. Mr. Gunn stated that he is required to get a second quote but that when he was talking with this supplier, his impression was they had equipment in stock ready for shipment. Mr. Gunn stated that they would have to get a gas tank from a propane company to be used with this equipment so the total cost would be \$4,500.00. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if other cities use this type of equipment. Mr. Gunn stated that this is what most road contractors use to put down reflectors. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for County Road Manager Kenny Gunn to get a second quote for bituminous applicator equipment then purchases equipment. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSTAIN

**\*\*See Exhibit G.1\*\***

**2. County - New Truck**

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn informed the Board of Supervisors that the new truck for Supervisor Tommy Lewis will be arriving the end of the week and that part of the state contract allows for the delivery of the vehicle, the cost of the delivery is \$270.00. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the County could buy locally and not have to buy off the state contract. Mr. Gunn stated that the Ford and Chevrolet dealerships would honor the state contract prices, but that the Dodge dealership would not. The Board Attorney stated that the County could go up to 5% above state contracts to purchase locally. Supervisor Lewis stated that the County needs to purchase vehicles locally when possible to keep the revenue in the County.

**3. Developer Signs in Sub-Division**

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn stated that the sub-division developers are using different types of signs in the sub-divisions. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the County had sent notices to developers regarding the types of signs to be used. Supervisor Eugene Thach stated that the County Engineer and Road Manager need to write specifications for developers to use when they are submitting plans for permits. No motions were taken at this time.

**ITEM G, CONTINUED,**

**4. Salary Raises - County Personnel**

Supervisor John Caldwell suggested the County look into small cost of living raises and merit raises late in the year based on performance.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked the Board of Supervisors for all salary adjustments and merit raises for the County personnel to be reviewed prior to March 2001. Mr. Armstrong stated that when the County allows for cost of living raises at 2%, having all County Directors look over their personnel files and bring to the Board of Supervisors the updated information on personnel.

**5. County Accidents**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin advised County Road Manager Kenny Gunn, that the recent accident on Hwy 305 and College Road, required three phone calls to the County Maintenance office for signs to be put up. Supervisor Medlin stated that any time there is a safety issue on County roads, action needs to be taken with high priority.

**6. Mississippi State Board of Health Recognition - DeSoto County EMS**

DeSoto County EMS Director Bobby Storey presented a letter to the Board of Supervisors that the County had received from the Mississippi State Board of Health in Jackson, MS acknowledging excellent work that the DeSoto County EMS performed on September 30, 2000, regarding the bus accident involving students from Clark Atlanta University.

**7. Pleasant Hill and Lester Road**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the County Road Manager to look at the Pleasant Hill and Lester Road area due to a site problem with the distance to view traffic. Supervisor Lewis suggested a possible change in the grade to allow a better view. Mr. Gunn stated that he would look at this area.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to recess until December 6, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	ABSENT
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

THIS the 4th. day of December 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Eugene C. Thach, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors